

**Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club**  
**Board Meeting Minutes April 8, 2024**

**Attendance:**

<b>President</b>	Cheryl Moran	<b>Vice President</b>	Mary DeFranco
<b>Treasurer</b>	Steve Augustine	<b>Secretary</b>	Laura Reynolds
<b>Captains:</b>			
<b>Blackhearts</b>	Mary Lou Bremer	<b>Silver Dragons</b>	John Townley
<b>Dirty Dozen</b>		<b>Sparta 70</b>	Dick Kanyan
<b>Eastport Sun Dragons</b>	Gail Long	<b>Sunset Island Dragons</b>	Bill Clark
<b>Leathernecks/Warriors</b>	Susan Kusan	<b>This Boat Rocks</b>	Linda Braun
<b>Paddling Patriots</b>	Dave Bethel	<b>Village Dragons</b>	Beth Bowen
<b>Other Attendees</b>			
Dirty Dozen – Elly Olesen			
Leatherneck Warriors – Robin Lockerby, Lee Cerovac		Sparta 70 – Ken Loomis	

**Opening:** Cheryl called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

**Secretary’s Report:**

1. March board meeting minutes were posted prior to the meeting
  - a. Motion to approve minutes by John with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve passed unanimously.
2. Race results reporting update
  - a. Article written, sent out for review and submitted to Sports@Dailysun
  - b. Follow-up call made; waiting on a response from an editor at the Daily Sun
  - c. Dick Kanyan and Laura Reynolds will coordinate publication of club events and race results on the Daily Sun and Villages-News.com

**Treasurer’s Report:**

1. Waivers/Team Snap roster cleanup is still in progress.
  - a. Captains, please ensure that only paid/active paddlers are listed on Team Snap
  - b. please ensure that each of the 4 waivers are printed on separate pages as they are filed separately with the developer, the insurance company and the club
2. March financial report was presented by Steve Augustine
  - a. Current member count is 356
  - b. Motion to approve report by Mary with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave passed unanimously.

**President’s Report:**

1. Guest passes for Sales dept are acceptable for guest paddlers
  - a. These are white cards which indicate “Guest of Sales”
  - b. Waivers are required for these guest paddlers
2. Special Events

- a. All club special events, including outside speakers, must be vetted by the Villages
  - b. Teams must work with Cheryl to ensure that correct approvals, paperwork, etc. are completed with the Villages in advance of any events
  - c. In order to maintain club status within the Villages and our tax status GMDBC cannot pay for or charge for services. Be aware of team and club communications regarding this and discuss with Cheryl or Steve if you have questions.
3. Inverness Race Follow up discussion
- 1. Race sponsor did not provide a safety boat; many do not. Racers need to be aware of that and make participation decisions accordingly. What was assumed to be a safety boat was actually a referee boat.
    - a. If this is a concern, the board could request that race sponsors provide safety boats
  - 2. Incident reports must be on file for any accident with or without injury or property damage regardless of location.
    - a. Beth will provide an incident report for Village Dragons regarding the Inverness race
  - 3. GMDBC safety procedures and club insurance require that all members wear PFDs at all times on the water
    - a. Race sponsors might not require PFDs, but GMDBC paddlers should always adhere to club procedures

**Vice-President's Report:**

- 1. No items reported

**Boat Maintenance:**

- 1. Boat Repair Estimate
  - a. Mike Kerkman from Pan Am is setting up shop in the Villages and is interested in providing an estimate for needed boat repairs.
    - i. repairs are urgent to prevent wet bottoms and additional damage
    - ii. Mike has cranes/trailers so he could provide boat transport for repairs
      - 1. Beth will reach out to Mike for confirmation and additional information
  - b. A motion by Tom with 2<sup>nd</sup> by John to get gel coat repaired on all 5 boats at a maximum cost of \$15,000 was unanimously passed. This will require club approval due to the total cost of repairs.
    - i. Linda will get a vote out to club members on Team Snap
- 2. Boat Task Force Report
  - a. Boat Task Force Chair
    - i. Beth Bowen has accepted chairperson role
    - ii. Thank you to Mary Lou for serving as our first boat task force chairperson. Her time and effort is greatly appreciated.
  - b. Maintenance list
    - i. A crack in brand new 10-man boat in support which seats rest on was found
      - 1. John will send photos to Lee
      - 2. Lee will raise this issue with vendor (Chris)
    - ii. A motion by Mary with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth to purchase a new decorative full wrap for the new 20-person boat at a cost of up to \$1,000 passed unanimously
      - 1. Board would like to have Grand Masters on the wrap

- c. Pursuit of an on-going maintenance contract with a vendor was discussed
- 3. Sale of 2014 BUK Boat
  - a. A motion by Susan 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Lou to reduce the sales price to \$2500 passed unanimously
    - i. Laura/Steve to follow up with prior interested party
- 4. Frame Repair status
  - a. New frame will be shown to captains by month end for their review prior to pursuing additional frames
  - b. Lowe's will donate one frame if we purchase the rest of the frames from them
  - c. The cost is estimated at \$1500; Lowe's is offering a 30% discount on the other 6 boats
- 5. Non-seaworthy boat (Purple Boat)
  - a. There are two interested parties being pursued; Eaton Beach and a club member
  - b. Alternate plan is to see if the Villages can use the boat
- 6. Delivery of two previously purchased steering oars
  - a. Delivery scheduled for week of May 20; Steve and Lee will coordinate receipt of oars

#### **Old Business**

- 1. New 20 Person Boat – Order Status
  - a. Being built in Wildwood
  - b. Could be completed as early as end of the month
  - c. Boat Maintenance Task Force will determine placement of boats once delivered
- 2. April Picnic April 9, 2024 5:30
  - a. Expecting about 120 people
  - b. Supplies were purchased for 120 people
- 3. Race Co-Ordinator Report
  - a. Received lists of planned races from Blackhearts and Leatherneck/Warriors
  - b. Blackhearts and Warriors/Sparta going to Canada to race
- 4. Nominations for Treasurer and Vice President are open
  - a. Nominees will present themselves at General meeting in May
  - b. Election will be open for two weeks following the meeting; ending by June 1
  - c. New Officers begin July 1, 2024
  - d. Laura to send out email to all club members regarding nominations

#### **New Business:**

- 1. Camp Villages – June 18 and July 9
  - a. Additional medals are needed at a cost of \$257.33
    - i. A motion by Dick with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve to pay requested amount for medals passed unanimously
  - b. Volunteer commitments are needed
    - i. Linda Braun needs names of volunteers to assign to volunteer positions
      - 1. Plan to have 3 boats with one volunteer paddler per camper
      - 2. Lots of other volunteer opportunities!!
    - ii. Bob requested presence from Eastport team looking to encourage future high school participation

- c. Bob is working on creating a how-to workbook on Camp Villages activities
  - d. John will coordinate getting heads/tails to the lake for the events
2. Updated lake schedule for practices
  - a. A current list of lake utilization schedules was distributed by Mary. The schedule is also available on the GMDBC web site
  - b. All updates or changes to practice schedules must be coordinated with Mary
  - c. Village Dragons afternoon slots are open on Lake Sumter as of May 1

**Tabled Items:**

1. Senior C Invitational – postponed until opening of Eastport
2. Villages regatta – Postponed until opening of Eastport
3. Long term Planning for Club
4. General Meeting – April (picnic) May, October

**Close**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 PM

Next Board Meeting will be 1:00 PM, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Canal St Rec Center

Next General Meeting will be the club picnic at Sea Breeze Rec Center on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm